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In the Claims:

- 1.(original) A method of preparation of a free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition, comprising the addition of a fragrance to a particulate carrier material in the presence of a water-soluble salt of an alkali or alkaline earth metal.
- 2.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:1 to 1:20.
- 3.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1, in which the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 20:1 to 1.5:1.
- 4.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1 in which the particulate carrier is fine, porous silica, optionally replaced to a maximum of 50% by weight of other absorbent particulate materials.
- 5.(original) A free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition, consisting essentially of a particulate carrier on which is deposited a fragrance and a water-soluble salt of an alkali or alkaline earth metal, the composition comprising at least 60% by weight of water-soluble salt and 20% maximum by weight of particulate carrier, and the ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance being from 20:1 to 1.5:1.
- 6.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:2 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.
- 7.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 6, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:2 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.

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- 8.(previously presented) A method of providing a fragrance to a substrate during washing or rinsing, comprising the adding to the wash or rinse water of a free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition according to claim 5.
- 9.(previously presented) A method according to claim 2, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:5 to 1:20.
- 10.(previously presented) A method according to claim 9, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:10 to 1:20.
- 11.(canceled)
- 12.(previously presented) A method according to claim 3, in which the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.
- 13.(previously presented) A method according to claim 12 in which the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.
- 14.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 6, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:5 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.
- 15.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 14, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:10 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.
- 16.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 15, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:8 to 1:15, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.

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- 17.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 6, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:2 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.
- 18.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 7, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:5 to 1:20 and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.
- 19.(previously presented) A composition according to claim 18, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:10 to 1:20 and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.
- 20.(previously presented) A method of providing a fragrance to a substrate during washing or rinsing, comprising the adding to the wash or rinse water of a free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition according to claim 6.
- 21.(new) A method of preparation of a free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition, the method comprising:
mixing a particulate carrier material and a water-soluble salt of an alkali or alkaline earth metal prior to addition of a fragrance; and
adding the fragrance to the particulate carrier material and the water-soluble salt of the alkali or alkaline earth metal.